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1. EMBOFF RAISED CONTENTS REFTEL ON AUG 4 WITH DR. ERIC CHABLOZ, SECTION CHIEF FOR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY, FED ENERGY OFFICE, AND ON AUG 7 WITH DR. CLAUDE ZANGGER, ASST DIR, FED ENERGY OFFICE.

2. CHABLOZ AND ZANGGER TOLD US NO NEW FEDERAL ORDINANCES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED SINCE VISIT USG PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM APR 1976. BASIC FEDERAL NUCLEAR ENERGY LAW IN FORCE AT THAT TIME IS STILL BASIS FOR DEF ENERGY OFFICE AUTHORITY VIS-A-VIS THE CANTONS. ENERGY OFFICE REPORTEDLY HAS ALL THE AUTHORITY IT REQUIRES IN NUCLEAR MATTERS, ESPECIALLY IN AREA OF PHYSICAL SECURITY. LOCAL AUTHORITIES STILL HAVE THE POWER TO VETO A PROJECT BY REFUSING THE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT.

3. A REVISION OF THE NUCLEAR ENERGY LAW IS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY SWISS PARLIAMENT. IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR FED COUNCIL REVIEW AND DECISION ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS. ONE PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW  
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IS TO ENSURE NEW STATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO MEET SWISS ENERGY NEEDS, AND COMPLY WITH NATL SAFETY STANDARDS, PARTICULARLY RE SPENT FUEL STORAGE. UNDER EXISTING LAW, FED DEPT OF COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT & ENERGY ACTS ALONE IN DECIDING ON LICENSE APPLICATIONS. ANY REVISIONS APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO NATL REFERENDUM IF REFERENDUM PROCEDURE WERE INVOKED

WITHIN 90 DAYS FOLLOWING PARLIAMENTARY ACTION.  
FINAL PARLIAMENTARY ACTION EXPECTED BY END SEPT  
THIS YEAR.

4. NO NEW PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PLANNED SINCE 1976  
PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM VISIT.

5. CHABLOZ' THREE-MAN OFFICE WITHIN ENERGY DEPT  
WAS CREATED IN LATE 1976. UNTIL THAT TIME, NO  
OFFICE WITHIN SWISS GOVT WAS SPECIFICALLY CHARGED  
WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY OF NUCLEAR  
FACILITIES. CHABLOZ WAS RECRUITED FROM FED MILITARY  
DEPT IN 1975 AT WHICH TIME HE WAS ASSIGNED TO FED  
INSTITUTE FOR REACTOR RESEARCH AT WUERENLINGEN FOR  
ONE-YEAR APPRENTICESHIP BEFORE TRANSFER TO BRN.  
CHABLOZ AND ZANGGER DISCUSSED FUNCTIONS OF NEW  
OFFICE WITH USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON IN SPRING  
1977.

6. CHABLOZ WILL ATTEND IAEA ALBUQUEQUE MEETING  
IN NOV. EN ROUTE TO CONFERENCE HE WOULD LIKE TO  
CONSULT IN WASHINGTON WITH APPROPRIATE USG  
OFFICIALS. REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE  
THROUGH SWISS EMBASSY. CROWLEY

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